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Reductions in employment and higher unemployment due primarily to seasonal conditions were evident in Connecticut's economy in January when personal income and factory wages again set new highs, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: An estimated 1,610,100 people were working in nonfarm jobs in January, down 34,500 from December's revised levels and 50,700 more than January 1986 (page 2). Temporary, seasonal layoffs in construction (-8.8%) and post-holiday reductions in trade (-4.6%) were responsible for major decreases in these non-manufacturing categories which were all above 1986 figures. Manufacturing employment showed a slight over-the-month gain. Each labor market area recorded lower January employment which was higher than the same month last year (pages 5 & 6).

The average pay of factory production workers reached a new record of \$435.27 weekly and \$10.29 per hour for a 42.3-hour week, up from \$433.75 at \$10.23 an hour in December (page 3). Wages a year ago were \$413.98 and \$9.81 weekly and hourly. Straight-time earnings of \$392.80 a week and \$9.82 an hour were seven-tenths of a percent higher than December and 4.8 percent above last year's \$374.80 and \$9.37 rates. The highest weekly wages among the six major labor market areas were paid to workers in New Britain, followed by Hartford, Stamford, Bridgeport, New Haven and Waterbury (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment, influenced by seasonal closings and post-holiday cutbacks, increased to 68,700 in January for a 3.9 percent actual rate which compared with the revised December total of 61,200 and 3.4 percent (page 4). The seasonally adjusted rate for January remained unchanged at 3.4 percent and compared with 4.2 percent in January last year when unemployment was estimated at 81,900. Both rates continued well below the national experience which was 7.3 (actual) and 6.7 percent (seasonally adjusted). Unemployment was up from December and showed a decrease from last year in each area.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents once again reached a new all-time high in January of \$4-billion, 992 million, there was a decline in initial (new) claims for unemployment insurance benefits and manufacturing output advanced.

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NOTE: New benchmarks provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics are incorporated in this report, with annual adjustments conforming to this data.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	January 1987	December 1986 (R)	January 1986 (R)	% Change Jan. '87 over Dec. '86	% Change Jan. '87 over Jan. '86
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,610,100*	1,644,600*	1,559,400*	- 2.1	+ 3.3
Manufacturing.....	396,200*	395,700*	399,600*	+ 0.1	- 0.9
Durable.....	295,600*	294,900*	299,700*	+ 0.2	- 1.4
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,400	7,500	7,500	- 1.3	- 1.3
Primary Metals.....	13,900*	13,600*	14,100	- 2.2	- 1.4
Fabricated Metals.....	45,600*	45,700*	47,300	- 0.2	- 3.6
Machinery exc. Elec.....	49,400*	49,100*	50,100*	+ 0.6	- 1.4
Electrical Equipment....	51,500	51,700	53,100*	- 0.4	- 3.0
Transportation Equipment	88,300	87,500	86,200*	+ 0.9	+ 2.4
Instruments & Clocks....	25,100*	25,200*	27,000	- 0.4	- 7.0
Other Durable.....	14,400	14,600	14,400	- 1.4	0.0
Nondurable.....	100,600	100,800	99,900*	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Food.....	12,800	12,700	12,600	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Textiles.....	4,500	4,500	5,000	0.0	- 10.0
Apparel.....	8,700	8,600	8,700*	+ 1.2	0.0
Paper.....	9,600	9,600	9,600	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,600	27,800	27,200	- 0.7	+ 1.5
Chemicals.....	23,100	23,000	22,400	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,600	12,900	12,900	- 2.3	- 2.3
Other Nondurable.....	1,700	1,700	1,500	0.0	+ 13.3
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,213,900	1,248,900	1,159,800*	- 2.8	+ 4.7
Construction & Mining....	68,600	75,200	62,800	- 8.8	+ 9.2
Transportation.....	38,300	39,100	36,800	- 2.0	+ 4.1
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	15,100	15,800	14,300	- 4.4	+ 5.6
Other Transportation....	23,200	23,300	22,500	- 0.4	+ 3.1
Communications.....	19,200	19,300	19,200	- 0.5	0.0
Utilities.....	12,800	12,800	12,600	0.0	+ 1.6
Trade.....	360,600	377,900	348,700	- 4.6	+ 3.4
Wholesale.....	84,500	85,400	82,600	- 1.1	+ 2.3
Retail.....	276,100	292,500	266,100	- 5.6	+ 3.8
General Merchandise....	37,500	42,900	35,900	- 12.6	+ 4.5
Food Stores.....	49,400	52,200	47,500	- 5.4	+ 4.0
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	32,000	31,900	30,000	+ 0.3	+ 6.7
Restaurants.....	73,700	78,100	73,600	- 5.6	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade....	83,500	87,400	79,100	- 4.5	+ 5.6
Finance, Ins. & ..R.E....	142,900	142,700	134,000	+ 0.1	+ 6.6
Banking.....	32,500	32,100	30,900	+ 1.2	+ 5.2
Insurance.....	77,800	77,500	73,500	+ 0.4	+ 5.9
Real Estate.....	13,100	13,600	12,100	- 3.7	+ 8.3
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	19,500	19,500	17,500	0.0	+ 11.4
Services.....	375,800	381,300	355,800*	- 1.4	+ 5.6
Hotels.....	9,900	10,400	9,100	- 4.8	+ 8.8
Personal Services.....	19,400	19,100	17,900	+ 1.6	+ 8.4
Business Services.....	87,700	89,400	79,900	- 1.9	+ 9.8
Health Services.....	114,100	114,700	111,700*	- 0.5	+ 2.1
Law & Professional.....	31,800	31,400	29,200	+ 1.3	+ 8.9
Educational Services....	33,400	34,300	32,800	- 2.6	+ 1.8
Other Services.....	79,500	82,000	75,200	- 3.0	+ 5.7
Government.....	195,700	200,600	189,900	- 2.4	+ 3.1
Federal.....	24,500	24,700	23,500	- 0.8	+ 4.3
State & Local.....	171,200	175,900	166,400	- 2.7	+ 2.9

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS		AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS		AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS	
	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)						
	\$435.27	\$433.75	\$413.98	42.3	\$10.29	\$ 9.81
DURABLE MANUFACTURING	446.45	446.40	426.85	42.6	10.48	10.02
Lumber & Furniture	329.65	324.01	323.51	40.3	8.18	7.63
Primary Metals	471.57	469.22	440.51	45.3	10.41	10.15
Fabricated Metals	408.62	404.88	390.77	42.3	9.66	9.26
Machinery	485.46	486.41	467.42	43.5	11.16	10.77
Electrical Equipment	362.15	362.78	352.80	40.6	8.92	8.40
Transportation Equipment	531.22	543.26	515.82	43.4	12.24	12.08
Instruments and Clocks	422.39	417.51	406.85	43.5	9.71	9.31
Other Durable Mfg	385.54	386.78	374.83	41.5	9.29	9.12
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING	401.85	400.75	375.97	41.3	9.73	9.17
Food	395.21	381.75	395.83	39.6	9.98	9.27
Textiles	320.74	327.51	309.67	40.6	7.90	7.59
Apparel	241.68	245.89	238.55	38.0	6.36	6.07
Paper	475.65	477.00	456.72	45.0	10.57	10.38
Printing and Publishing	384.35	386.12	357.00	39.1	9.83	9.37
Chemicals	523.91	533.86	480.62	44.1	11.88	11.36
Rubber and Misc. Plastics	355.75	352.37	327.23	42.2	8.43	8.04
Other Nondurable Mfg	321.16	331.89	316.88	37.0	8.68	8.45
CONSTRUCTION	580.71	604.35	617.94	39.0	14.89	15.41

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	January	1987	December	1986 (R)	January	1986 (R)
		Ratio		Ratio		Ratio
		to		to		to
		Labor		Labor		Labor
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Force</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Force</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Force</u>
State Totals* Actual...	68,700	3.9	61,200	3.4	81,900	4.8
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.4)		(3.4)		(4.2)
<u>Statistical Areas</u>						
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	11,400	4.9	10,000	4.3	13,100	5.8
Bristol.....	2,000	5.1	1,400	3.7	2,200	5.8
Danbury.....	3,900	3.3	3,500	3.0	4,400	3.9
Danielson.....	2,100	6.2	1,800	5.1	2,400	7.3
Hartford.....	14,900	3.5	13,700	3.2	17,400	4.3
Middletown.....	1,600	3.2	1,600	3.1	1,800	3.8
Lower River.....	600	3.2	500	3.0	600	3.7
New Britain.....	3,500	4.7	3,100	4.1	4,200	5.8
New Haven.....	9,700	3.6	8,600	3.1	12,700	4.8
New London/Norwich*..	5,500	4.2	4,800	3.6	6,500	5.1
Norwalk.....	2,500	3.0	2,300	2.7	2,700	3.4
Stamford.....	3,100	2.6	2,900	2.4	4,000	3.6
Torrington.....	2,000	4.5	1,700	3.6	2,500	5.4
Waterbury.....	5,600	5.6	5,100	4.8	6,900	6.8
Willimantic.....	800	3.0	700	2.4	1,100	4.2
<u>Civilian U.S.</u>						
Total-Actual.....	8,620,000	7.3	7,461,000	6.3	8,472,000	7.3
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.7)		(6.7)		(6.8)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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* U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS *			
* Base Period (1967 = 100) *			
* Jan. '87 Dec.'86 Jan. '86 *			
* All Items..... 333.1 331.1 328.4 *			
* Percent Change From..... xxx 0.6 1.4 *			

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Jan. '87	Dec. '86 (R)	Jan. '86 (R)	Percent Change to	
				Jan. '87 from:	Jan. '86
				Dec. '86	
<u>BRIDGEPORT</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	193,900*	197,340*	189,770	- 1.7	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	60,500*	60,480*	61,660	+ 0.1	- 1.9
Nonmanufacturing	133,400	136,860	128,110	- 2.5	+ 4.1
<u>BRISTOL</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,700	25,300	24,260	- 2.4	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	8,460	8,460	8,940	0.0	- 5.4
Nonmanufacturing	16,240	16,840	15,320	- 3.6	+ 6.0
<u>DANBURY</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	82,780	84,630	78,490	- 2.2	+ 5.5
Manufacturing	26,280	26,140	26,770	+ 0.5	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	56,500	58,490	51,720	- 3.4	+ 9.2
<u>DANIELSON</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,510	22,870	21,870	- 1.6	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	9,240	9,270	9,370	- 0.3	- 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	13,270	13,600	12,500	- 2.4	+ 6.2
<u>HARTFORD</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	468,140*	473,120*	446,630*	- 1.1	+ 4.8
Manufacturing	94,460*	93,990*	93,080*	+ 0.5	+ 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	373,680*	379,130*	353,550*	- 1.4	+ 5.7
<u>MIDDLETOWN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	42,920	43,930	41,150	- 2.3	+ 4.3
Manufacturing	10,770	10,620	10,270	+ 1.4	+ 4.9
Nonmanufacturing	32,150	33,310	30,880	- 3.5	+ 4.1
<u>LOWER RIVER</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,200	14,530	13,150	- 2.3	+ 8.0
Manufacturing	4,800	4,870	4,750	- 1.4	+ 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	9,400	9,660	8,400	- 2.7	+ 11.9
<u>NEW BRITAIN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	64,800	66,100	63,380	- 2.0	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	21,430	21,510	23,230	- 0.4	- 7.7
Nonmanufacturing	43,370	44,590	40,150	- 2.7	+ 8.0
<u>NEW HAVEN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	245,470*	250,900*	237,300	- 2.2	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	48,090*	47,970*	46,950	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	197,380*	202,930*	190,350	- 2.7	+ 3.7
<u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH**</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	113,630	115,490	112,200	- 1.6	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	34,610	34,140	34,960	+ 1.4	- 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	79,020	81,350	77,240	- 2.9	+ 2.3
<u>NORWALK</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	73,590	75,090	71,330	- 2.0	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	20,810	20,820	20,930	- 0.1	- 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	52,780	54,270	50,400	- 2.7	+ 4.7
<u>STAMFORD</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	124,060	126,390	118,930	- 1.8	+ 4.3
Manufacturing	25,270	25,380	26,020	- 0.4	- 2.9
Nonmanufacturing	98,790	101,010	92,910	- 2.2	+ 6.3

**AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)**

Statistical Area	Jan. '87	Dec. '86 (R)	Jan. '86 (R)	Percent Change to	
				Jan. '87 from:	Jan. '86
				Dec. '86	
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	30,770	31,910	29,260	- 3.6	+ 5.2
Manufacturing	7,040	7,080	6,940	- 0.6	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	23,730	24,830	22,320	- 4.4	+ 6.3
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	85,230*	87,120	83,050	- 2.2	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	24,630*	24,690	26,200	- 0.2	- 6.0
Nonmanufacturing	60,600	62,430	56,850	- 2.9	+ 6.6
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	20,730	23,260	20,080	- 10.9	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	2,080	2,050	1,940	+ 1.5	+ 7.2
Nonmanufacturing	18,650	21,210	18,140	- 12.1	+ 2.8

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

**EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS**

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
Bridgeport	\$443.27	\$446.24	\$411.27	41.7	41.9	40.4	\$10.63	\$10.65	\$10.18
Hartford	452.19	452.62	434.69	42.7	42.7	42.7	10.59	10.60	10.18
New Britain	459.24	460.10	427.01	43.0	43.0	41.7	10.68	10.70	10.24
New Haven	413.00	415.49	393.95	41.3	41.8	41.6	10.00	9.94	9.47
Stamford	447.35	446.56	418.50	39.8	39.8	41.6	11.24	11.22	10.06
Waterbury	388.08	377.14	368.42	44.2	43.2	43.6	8.78	8.73	8.45

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment		Av. Weekly		Rate Total		Personal Income Millions
	Nonag.	(Thous.)	Initial	Claims	Unemployment		
		Seas.		Seas.		Seas.	
	Actual (R)	Adj. (R)	Actual	Adj. (R)	Actual (R)	Adj. (R)	Seasonally Adj.
1986							
Jan....	1559.4	1580.0	7749	5057	4.8	4.2	4690.4
Feb....	1558.3	1583.0	3936	4551	4.7	4.1	4717.9
Mar....	1571.5	1586.7	3240	4384	4.3	4.0	4728.8
Apr....	1594.5	1594.6	3422	4108	3.7	3.8	4739.2
May....	1605.8	1597.4	3002	3988	3.6	3.8	4758.2
Jun....	1618.8	1599.5	3761	3929	3.7	3.7	4780.3
Jul....	1599.7	1606.1	5109	3569	3.9	3.7	4802.8
Aug....	1598.4	1611.9	3571	3849	3.6	3.7	4849.6
Sep....	1616.4	1611.4	2347	3761	3.3	3.7	4864.2
Oct....	1616.7	1607.1	2605	3527	3.2	3.6	4877.6
Nov....	1635.4	1620.1	3094	3592	3.3	3.6	4940.5
Dec....	1644.6	1623.7	6206	3573	3.4	3.4	4974.5
1987							
Jan....	1610.1	1631.3	5938	3876	3.9	3.4	4992.4
Feb....							
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto		Average Work-		Mfg. Output	
	Registrations		Week	Hours	(1967=100)	
		Seas.		Seas.		Seas.
	Actual	Adj. (R)	Actual	Adj. (R)	Actual	Adj. (R)
1986						
Jan....	17276	19037	42.2	42.0	129.8	124.9
Feb....	11526	15269	41.7	41.9	128.5	124.4
Mar....	11124	10342	41.9	41.8	129.9	124.7
Apr....	27193*	26949*	41.9	41.9	129.8	125.1
May....	13873	13205	41.5	41.7	129.3	125.3
Jun....	16685	15104	41.8	41.9	130.5	126.4
Jul....	13991	15354	41.4	41.7	107.6	125.0
Aug....	17104	14698	41.2	41.7	110.3	126.3
Sep....	14550	13582	41.6	41.7	131.4	127.9
Oct....	13772	14304	41.8	41.8	132.6	128.8
Nov....	16441	14986	42.2	41.8	135.2	129.3
Dec....	16004	18283	42.4	41.8	122.8	129.8
1987						
Jan....	13430	14807	42.3	42.1	133.8	128.8
Feb....						
Mar....						
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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*Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid (000)	Employer Contributions Collected (000)	Federal Loans (000)
1972	51,737	161,851	92,681	1972 \$ 31,800
1973	36,314	117,610	114,163	1973 21,700
1974	49,255	163,258	124,859	1974 8,500
				1975 203,000
1975	83,971	298,345	140,940	1976 137,000
1976	67,864	238,013	164,922	1977 75,000
1977	53,699	193,150	177,719	1978 37,000
1978	37,220	138,351	189,892	1983 63,806*
1979	30,876	114,926	181,376	
1980	37,463	163,644	174,402	Direct Loan Repayments (000)
1981	36,507	173,725	167,840	
1982	47,952	262,962	183,733	
1983	40,251	232,255	201,578	1976 \$ 26,000
1984	25,428	154,180	238,511	1977 27,300
				1978 37,300
1985	26,449	177,887	249,065	1979 39,600
1986	24,950	175,584	238,705	1984 30,876
Jan'86	39,301	\$ 21,606	\$ 7,426	1985 32,930
Feb	33,020	19,053	16,808	1986 40,187
Mar	30,986	19,496	714	
Apr	25,332	15,528	35,043	Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)
May	21,832	12,810	90,339	
Jun	22,048	12,974	1,662	
Jul	24,767	13,734	17,325	1975 \$ 12,906
Aug	24,416	12,797	37,543	1981 46,537
Sep	19,880	12,221	955	1982 49,496
Oct	17,903	10,473	10,716	1983 53,975
Nov	17,918	9,912	19,419	1984 57,349
Dec	22,003	14,980	755	1985 61,138
Jan'87	33,123	18,946	5,870	1986 63,690
Feb				(thru 1/31/87)
Mar				
Apr				Total Outstanding Loans - (1/31/87)
May				\$ 0
Jun				
Jul				Ct. UC Trust Fund
Aug				Researve - (1/31/87)
Sep				\$172.6 million
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				

*Interest bearing

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